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SUBJECT: SPECIAL MEDIA REACTION: VISIT OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY
LINCOLN P. BLOOMFIELD, OCTOBER 18-19

11. SUMMARY: THE MEDIA COVERAGE OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY
BLOOMFIELD'S TWO-DAY VISIT TO THE UAE COMPLEMENTED HIS SUCCESSFUL
MEETINGS. ABU DHABI PAO ARRANGED A ONE-ON-ONE INTERVIEW WITH ABU
DHABI TV AND A PRESS ROUNDTABLE FOR NINE LOCAL AND REGIONAL PRINT
MEDIA. THE MEETINGS WITH UAE OFFICIALS AND ARTICLES WITH
PHOTOGRAPHS FROM THE PRESS ROUNDTABLE WERE PUBLISHED IN LOCAL
ELECTRONIC AND IN ALL SEVEN ENGLISH AND ARABIC NEWSPAPERS OVER
TWO DAYS. END SUMMARY

12. DURING HIS VISIT TO THE UAE, ASSISTANT SECRETARY BLOOMFIELD
GAVE A ONE-ON-ONE INTERVIEW TO ABU DHABI TV. THE 15-MINUTE
INTERVIEW WAS CARRIED ON 'AL MADAR' PROGRAM AT 11:00PM OCTOBER
119.

13. DURING THE PRESS ROUNDTABLE ON OCTOBER 19, ASSISTANT
SECRETARY WAS ASKED ABOUT THE AIM OF HIS VISIT. HE WAS ALSO

SIPDIS
ASKED ABOUT IRAQ, AFGHANISTAN, IRAN AND NORTH KOREA'S NUCLEAR
PROGRAMS AND THE U.S.'S INTENTIONS TOWARDS IRAN.

14. ARTICLES FROM THE PRESS ROUNDTABLE APPEARED WITH PHOTOGRAPHS

IN THREE ENGLISH AND TWO ARABIC DAILIES. GULF NEWS (CIRCULATION 95,000) ARTICLE TITLED "US OFFICIAL PRAISES VIBRANT TIES WITH UAE. IT STRESSED A/S BLOOMFIELD'S COMMENTS THAT RELATIONS WERE FRIENDLY AT BOTH THE GRASSROOTS AND GOVERNMENT LEVELS AND HIS CONFIDENCE THAT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES WOULD CONTINUE TO GROW. "COOPERATION ON VARIOUS FIELDS, INCLUDING THE MILITARY SPHERE WOULD ALSO PROSPER."

15. GULF TODAY (CIRCULATION 15,000) ALSO HIGHLIGHTED THE "VIBRANT TIES" THEME AND ALSO COMMENTS WITH RESPECT TO DIALOGUE BETWEEN IRAN AND THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY AGENCY, "THESE TALKS ARE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT DISCUSSIONS BECAUSE IT IS NECESSARY FOR IRAN TO DEMONSTRATE TO THE WORLD ITS PEACEFUL INTENTIONS."

16. KHALEEJ TIMES (CIRCULATION 70,000) SUBTITLED THEIR ARTICLE "UAE CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE IN AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ WINS STATE OFFICIAL'S PRAISE. THEY QUOTED, "THE UAE HAS BEEN SUPPORTIVE TO THE PEOPLE OF IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN AND PLAYED A VITAL ROLE IN HELPING BRING STABILITY IN THE REGION," HE SAID. AND ON IRAQ, "I SUSPECT MORE AND MORE PEOPLE IN IRAQ REALIZE THAT THE U.S. WANTS TO BRING SECURITY AND STABILITY TO THEIR COUNTRY."

17. AL BAYAN (CIRCULATION 40,000) STRESSED THAT THE US HAS NO INTENTION TO IMPOSE SANCTIONS ON IRAN AND HIS STATEMENT THAT THE UAE PLAYS AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN MAINTAINING PEACE IN THE REGION. THE ARTICLE ALSO MENTIONS US CONTINUED SUPPORT FOR THE ME ROADMAP. ". PRESIDENT BUSH WAS THE FIRST PRESIDENT WHO HAS DECLARED HIS SUPPORT FOR A PALESTINIAN STATE. THE ROAD MAP IS THE MOST PROMISING PATH FORWARD." HE ALSO POINTED OUT THAT EXTREMISM WILL LEAD NOWHERE AND THAT PALESTINIAN AND ISRAELIS SHOULD WORK TOGETHER FOR PEACE.

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